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**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q58571

Masao TOKITA

Appln. No.: 09/538,475

Group Art Unit: 1722

Confirmation No.: 8142

Examiner: T. Nguyen

Filed: March 30, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY LOADING POWDER  
MATERIAL INTO A MOLD

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of December 9, 2004 to June 9, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$950.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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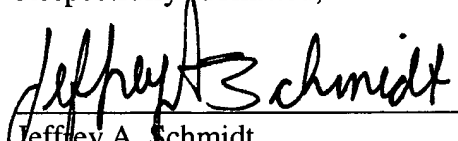
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